



Egremont News

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Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. If you wish to receive this newsletter via email please contact town hall.

Selectmen:

Please remember that the Dog Park at French Park is **not** town funded, it is supported by donations from users. There is a box in the Selectmen's office where donations can be put. Signs have just been updated informing users that they have to pick up after their dogs.

Reminder: new transfer stations stickers are available every July. The sticker must be affixed to your vehicle. If you have multiple vehicles, you can have multiple stickers.

Sign up now for broadband through WiredWest to get free installation if WiredWest is chosen as Egremont's Internet Service Provider (see below).

There is a vacancy on the Conservation Commission. Please contact Town Hall if you are interested in serving.

There is also a vacancy on the Board of Assessors. The Assessors currently are at Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9am to 12noon. Please contact Town Hall if interested.

There has been some inaccurate information passed about regarding the future of Broadband in Egremont and the below is provided for clarification.

1. The town of Egremont placed an article on the Town Meeting warrant drafted by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute which is the legally designated authority charged with overseeing the build out of broadband in unserved/underserved communities in MA. Egremont's share as defined by the Commonwealth's designee, MBI, is \$2.4M. The passing of the article on the warrant was in no way an endorsement of Wired West nor was it designed to be. It

was only for the purpose of raising and appropriating the funds to build out broadband in the town of Egremont.

2. Wired West has acted as an advocate for this region for a number of years and we should all be grateful for the extra effort that these volunteers have expended to bring broadband to our region. In addition they have formulated somewhat of a plan as part of a Municipal Light Cooperative representing our towns to provide service as an ISP to our towns when construction is complete. However, Wired West has yet to present a viable business plan to the towns on how they will do this. We are concerned that the WiredWest organization has yet to really become a business and to quote an old adage "Businesses do not plan to fail, they fail to plan". We as a board of Selectmen are asking for a Business Plan from Wired West as it is a startup business before we entrust our money to them. We hope to receive a business plan in the not too distant future.

3. In the interim, we, as your Selectboard will be interviewing any and all interested parties, in open meetings that the public is welcome to attend that express an interest in providing ISP and maintenance services to the Town of Egremont. Wired West remains our service provider of choice. However, that choice is contingent upon their development of a viable business plan that passes muster with our Finance Committee and other business leaders within our community.

4. The town of Egremont has not, I repeat has not entered into any agreement with Axia or any other potential provider of

Internet Service. Nor has it entered into any agreement with any organization to complete the build out of fiber in our region. The MBI is the only organization currently authorized and empowered to do so in Massachusetts. The Selectboard is committed to getting fiber to the town in the most expeditious manner possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about broadband in Egremont, please call Mary Brazie at the town hall at 528-0182 ext 10 and ask for citizen's time at a regular Board of Selectmen meeting and ask your questions. All meetings are posted on the town's web page at www.egremont-ma.gov.

Share the Road

This is for cyclists, motorists, and walkers. There are an increasing number of cyclists in town, when you hear a car coming, please pull into a single file and allow the vehicle to pass. If you are a motorist, please allow a safety cushion of room between your vehicle and the cyclist/walker.

Motorists, please do not speed.

ECO-TIP

Do you have a load of C&D (construction and demolition) stuff to dispose of? Try Barbato's on Rte 23 in Hillsdale (518-325-3331). Weigh your vehicle on the way in, and again after you unload, and pay for the weight of the trash. Cheaper than the C&D bin at our Transfer Station.

Electric Aggregation:

As per the vote at the May 5 Town Meeting, the Selectmen have signed the agreement with Hampshire Power so that Egremont's residents can get a discounted rate on electricity. For example while National Grid charged .16 per kwh the first six months of this year, Hampshire Power was at .10 to .12 per kwh. The final approved from the DOER should be a year away. If you are a National Grid customer you will automatically be switched to Hampshire Power unless you opt out of the service. If you get your electric supply from another supplier you will not get invited to join Hampshire Power's aggregation. You can switch back to National

Grid, depending on your supplier contract, so that a year from now you will be eligible for the Hampshire Power aggregation.

Treasurer/Collector:

Office Hours – Monday – Friday 7 – 3
413-528-0182 ext 12
collector@egremont-ma.gov

www.egremont-ma.gov

FISCAL YEAR 2016 TAX BILLS:

Fiscal Year 2016 Preliminary Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills are being mailed Monday June 29th, 2015. In order to avoid interest and penalties, payments are due in the tax collector's office no later than August 3rd, 2015.

On Line Banking - UNIPAY on line banking is a great tool for payments of real estate/personal property, excise tax & water bills. Visit the Town of Egremont web site www.egremont-ma.gov and click on "pay your bills on line". Follow the instructions from that point. You will be able to use ACH or a credit card. There are fees assessed for this service.

Bank Bill Pay - When making payments through your bank bill pay, please remember to use your current tax bill number and check to be sure the remittance address is correct.

Remittance Address: Tax Collector, Town of Egremont, P.O. Box 368, So. Egremont, MA 01258

Questions concerning your tax assessment MUST be directed to the Board of Assessors. 413-528-0182 ext. 14

Swap Shop News:

1. Please don't put a broken, dirty, or worn-out item in the shop. Pretend you're leaving it at a friend's doorstep.
2. No furniture or rugs. Small items, such as a chair or nightstand, are ok if in perfect condition.
3. When the Transfer Station is crowded, move your car away from the dumpsters to visit the shop.
4. Consider donating to Goodwill. The truck is in the Town Hall parking lot once a month, usually the 3rd Saturday (see sign in front of Town Hall). It's also in GB every Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM. They take all computer-

- related items, even an old printer or a broken monitor. (There's a fee for TVs.)
5. A few volunteers try to keep the shed neat, but every resident is an authorized volunteer there. Please help!

Egremont Board of Assessors

Real Estate Statutory Exemptions

Applications will be mailed out to those Egremont residents who currently have such status or have requested information from us during the past year. The deadline for submitting those applications, and accompanying documentation, is December 15.

The following are the exemption categories:

SENIOR -- SURVIVING SPOUSE OR MINOR -- VETERAN -- BLIND

Senior:

For eligibility, an individual must possess, as of July 1, 2014, the status of either

1. A surviving spouse or a minor with a parent deceased who owns and occupies the property as his domicile.
2. A person 70 years or over who has owned and occupied the property as his domicile for at least 10 years.

Veteran:

1. Veterans with a service connected disability of 10% or more as determined by the Veterans Administration or the branch of service from which separated.
2. Veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart.
3. Gold Star mothers and fathers.
4. Spouses (where the domicile is owned by the veteran's spouse) and surviving spouses (who do not remarry) of veterans entitled to exemption under Clause 22.
5. Surviving spouses (who do not remarry) of World War I veterans so long as their whole worth, less any mortgage on the property, does not exceed \$20,000.

Blind:

An individual must annually give proof of blindness by providing

1. A certificate from the Commission for

the Blind attesting to a condition of legal blindness.

2. As an alternative for the first year an exemption is sought, a letter from a reputable physician certifying blindness in accordance with the specifications of the Commission for the Blind. For each subsequent year, a certificate from the Commission attesting to blindness must be provided.

CLASSIFIED CHAPTER LANDS

FOREST-- AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL -- RECREATIONAL LAND CLASSIFICATION

Forest land, agricultural and horticultural farm land and recreational land all receive special tax treatment resulting from constitutional amendments. The valuation of these categories of property, often referred to as classified chapter lands, is based on their use value and not their market value.

The forest, agricultural/horticultural and recreational classification programs under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapters 61, 61A and 61B respectively, are designed to encourage the preservation, enhancement and active productive use of the Commonwealth's forests, valuable farmland and open space.

If you fall into any of the above Exemption categories, or if you believe your property might qualify for any of the Chapter classifications, and have not received an application, please contact us at 528-0182, Ext. 14 and leave a message with your name, address and phone number, and we will mail one to you immediately. You can also pick one up at Town Hall during our office hours (Tuesday and Thursday (9:00 AM to 12:00noon) or anytime in the slots outside the Assessor's Office.

Explanations of each Exemption and Chapter category, including who would qualify, are available in the Assessor's Office or at:

<http://www.mass.gov/dor/local-officials/municipal-finance-law/forms-and-brochures.html> .

ECO-TIP

Save water. Collect roof runoff in a rain barrel to use for your garden. Here's a fun site:

www.houzz.com/ideabooks/15016724/list/just-add-water-rain-barrel-magic.

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Books are Coming Home!

Our two books, the 18th century Founders Ledger, and the 19th century Egremont School Book that we commissioned to be refurbished are just about finished and will be returning home this summer. To celebrate their return, and the day of the Town's Incorporation, August 23rd, 1775 our 240th birthday, the EHC is hosting an open house at the Archives with refreshments to celebrate. Mark your calendar: Sunday August 23rd from noon to 3pm. We hope to see you all there.

In support of the MCOA's Keep Moving Walking Program, the EHC is hosting two morning walks through the Historic Villages of South and North Egremont. This will be an opportunity to get to know more about the architecture of our historic villages, and enjoy a walk around town. There are walking maps of both villages available at Town Hall, the Post Offices, and Town Markets for those who would like to do a self guided tour. Or meet us at the Library parking lot for the South Village tour at 9am on Saturday, July 11th, and the North Village Tour at 9am on Saturday August 22nd.

The Archives are open the first Saturday of the month from 9am to noon. We are open July 4th and August 1st. If you would like access at another time, please call Susan Bachelder, or Elliot Snyder. Numbers are available at Town Hall.

AND DON'T FORGET THE BASKET PICNIC! Sunday, July 19th on the South Village Green, Friends of Egremont History are hosting a celebration commemorating the end of the Civil War. Listen for our bells to be ringing the noon opening. Come stroll the Egremont of 1865, and meet her residents as they recount their tales of the last year of the Civil War. For details see Friends of Egremont History on Facebook.

Planning Board:

The Planning Board welcomes two new members who have taken the seats of Gwen Miller and Bill Bodinger. Lucinda Vermeulen was appointed jointly by the Planning Board and the Select Board on April 27, and Greg Cherin was chosen at the annual town election in May. We look forward to working with them.

Annual Town Meeting – The Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation

Overlay District bylaw change to establish a single town-owned site for solar energy production was passed. Another article, to allow Catamount's use to continue by right, like residences, was defeated.

Our chair, Helen Krancer, has been serving on the Select Board's *ad hoc* committee to write an appropriate bylaw change to allow recreational uses. The Catamount Ski Area and Egremont Golf Course both pre-date the establishment of Egremont zoning; thus they are protected as pre-existing, non-conforming uses. This committee will continue to meet and Helen will continue to report to the Planning Board.

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy has applied for an amendment to their existing Special Permit to expand their parking area to make it sufficient for their needs. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for June 24 in Town Hall.

We took up our proposal for the creation of Village and Rural Districts again at the May 18 meeting, and we will continue to discuss the proposed bylaw change in future meetings. Our aim is to address what we learned from meeting with all the other town committees and from our informational meeting, make modifications, and present a revised proposal to the town soon: we expect to hold another informational meeting this year.

ECO-TIP

EcoBuilding Bargains, in Springfield, is the largest used building-materials store in the Northeast. www.cetonline.org/green-for-homes/ecobuilding-bargains3/

Council on Aging:

Our small but hardy and happy group did another section of the Appalachian Trail on June 5, this time starting at the Shay's Rebellion Site.



Pictured above are Dorothy Flynn, Nancy DuVall, Bruce Bernstein, Lita Moses, Genis Delaney and grandson, along with our two canine companions.

The photo was taken by our guide, Silvia Cassano, who helped us in identifying birds, like the red-eyed vireo, and plants such as Meadow Rue and Columbine. Silvia is the Trail Management Assistant for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, located at the Kellogg Center.

Mark your calendar for Friday, July 17 at 9am if you'd like to join us on our next walk on the AT. We'll probably head North from where we left off. Details to follow as we get closer to that date.

Egremont Volunteer Fire Department:

Date	Time	Call #
/Location	/Type	
4/25/2015	5:50 PM	52
East St. Mt. Washington		Outdoor Fire
4/30/2015	12:27 PM	53
Mutual Aid, Town of Sheffield, Outdoor fire		
5/ 2/2015	9:23 PM	54
Mt. Washington Rd		Medical
5/ 3/2015	3:33 PM	55
Mountain Rd, Mt. Washington, Medical		
5/ 4/2015	1:30 PM	56
Mutual Aid,		
Town of Gt Barrington		Outdoor fire
5/ 5/2015	4:31 PM	57
Shun Toll Rd.		Alarm/False
5/ 6/2015	3:59 PM	58
Main St		Alarm/False
5/ 8/2015	10:17 AM	59
Shun Toll Rd.		Alarm/False
5/ 9/2015	11:39 AM	60
Prospect Lake Rd.		Outdoor Fire
5/10/2015	8:03 AM	61
Townhouse Hill Rd.		Medical
5/10/2015	2:38 PM	62
Plantain Rd. Sheffield		Mutual Aid
For Rescue		
5/14/2015	9:57 AM	63
Main St.		Alarm/False
5/14/2015	10:25 PM	64

East St, Mt. Washington	Alarm/False
5/15/2015 12:23 AM	65
East St, Mt. Washington	Alarm/False
5/17/2015 10:20 AM	66
Lakeside Dr.	Medical
5/17/2015 9:34 PM	67
Prospect Lake Rd.	Alarm/False
5/24/2015 2:02 PM	68
Hillsdale Rd.	Alarm/False
5/24/2015 4:51 PM	69
Bash Bish Falls	Rescue
5/25/2015 9:25 AM	70
Greenwood Circle	Medical
5/30/2015 10:19 PM	71
Police Station	Medical
5/31/2015 11:11 AM	72
Baldwin Hill Rd. N/s	Medical
6/ 4/2015 3:08 PM	73
Guilder Hollow Rd.	Medical
6/ 6/2015 9:53 PM	74
Second St.	Medical
6/11/2015 8:50 AM	75
Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical
6/13/2015 8:30 PM	76
Shun Toll Rd.	Alarm/burnt food
6/16/2015 7:18 PM	77
Rowe Rd.	Medical



Above is the new tanker at a drill on 6/9/2015 in Canaan CT.

Veteran's Department:

Laurie Hils, Egremont's District Veteran's Director, will be sponsoring a free lunch for Veterans and spouses on the second and fourth Tuesday of the Month at the Great Barrington Senior Center at 11:30am. Please attend and visit with Laurie and other local veterans. Call the Veteran's office for more details at 413-528-1580.

ECO-TIP

Our common Japanese barberry is an exotic invasive, but did you know that it also increases your yard's tick population? www.newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/NewtownCT_BBoard/News%20Archive/S03747A27.0/Barberry%20Tick%20Conn%20Pwrpt.pdf

WiredWest Representative:

19 towns and counting have passed the bond authorization articles and three more towns are due to vote in the next week which should bring the total to 22 towns voting to fund the broadband deployment. WiredWest is working with all of the towns who wish to participate in the regional network solution, to complete the process for actually raising each town's bonds. As towns come on board the 'make ready work' of surveying all of the 60,000 telephone poles to determine what if any remedial work is needed before fiber can be hung on the poles. Meantime, the design of the network structure will be getting underway.

It is important for all of our residents to rally around WiredWest, and if someone will want to get broadband service when the network is built it is important to subscribe now not when the fiber is being deployed. The reason being that the towns with the highest subscription rates will be wired first for the simple reason that those towns will provide a better revenue stream. So sign up early and help Egremont get moved up the list of towns being wired!

Library:

The Arts and Crafts Fair to benefit the Egremont Free Library will take place on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 & 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Egremont Fire Station & First Congregational Church. There are 24 vendors selling interesting and unique crafts and paintings. The Egremont Fire Department will host a barbecue and the First Congregational Church will be selling snacks and drinks. Raffle tickets will go on sale at the Egremont Free Library on July 2. Raffle tickets sell one for \$2 or three for \$5. Kenver's has a special raffle that will be sold at Kenver's, the proceeds will benefit Egremont Free Library. Raffles items include: Catamount: two tickets to the aerial park; Catamount: two lift tickets; Ski Butternut: two lift tickets including group lessons and rental equipment; Ski Butternut: two tubing tickets; one-hour horseback riding lesson; a beautiful 18 x 24 original painting by Joan Mentzinger; gift certificates to: Mom's Restaurant, South Egremont Store, Barrington Bagel, The Old Mill, John Andrews and Cafe Adam. The raffles will also be sold at the Fair and the drawing will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday (you don't have to be there to win).

We have several passes to museums and other area attractions available at the Egremont Free Library...**Passes are available on a first come, first served basis and must be returned within 48 hours of borrowing.**

Museums:

Norman Rockwell: Pass allows a discount. Children 5 and under are free. Pass also provides 10% discount at museum store and Cafe during visit.

Berkshire Museum: Pass allows free admission for up to 2 adults and 2 children under the age of 18. Children 3 and under are always free.

The Clark Museum: Pass includes free admission for 2 adults and 2 children.

Area Attractions:

Chesterwood: pass allows admission for two adults

Hancock Shaker Village: Pass allows free admission for 2 adults and 2 children

Ashley House: Pass allows free admission for 2 adults and 2 children

Bartholomew's Cobble: Pass allows free admission for 2 adults and 2 children

The Folly at Field Farm: Pass allows free admission for 2 adults and 2 children

The Mission House: Pass allows free admission for 2 adults and 2 children

Naumkeag: Pass allows free admission for 2 adults and 2 children

Board of Health:

The Board of Health is currently working with Egremonters with large piles of tires on their property in a tire collection program. The purpose is to not only remove the unsightliness of large piles of tires, but to also prevent the harborage of mosquitoes. Female mosquitoes love to lay their millions of eggs in standing pools of water and tires create the perfect hatching grounds.

Close to 2000 tires will soon be collected and taken to the facility in Catskill, NY where they will be shredded and recycled for future use. This is the first of a two-step approach for tire removal/mosquito control. Year one was to target the large piles of tires around town. Next spring/summer we hope to offer a similar tire collection program to individual homeowners at little or no charge. More on this in future months...

Now back to mosquitoes...did you know they cover a relatively small area during their life spans from where they hatched? An effective low-tech, non chemical approach to mosquito control is to remove areas of standing water on your property. Check your roof gutters for sags where standing water gathers and turn over flower pots or other vessels which collect water.

Happy summer to you all!

ECO-TIP

Don't fertilize your lawn with a product that's high in phosphorus, which most lawns don't need anyway. When phosphorus washes into lakes and rivers, it results in algae blooms. As algae die, eutrophication occurs, robbing the water of oxygen and killing fish. Look for the middle number in the 3-number code on the label. A bag of 12-0-15 contains no phosphorus.

Sustainability Coordinator:

Solar Installation at the Water

Department: The 10 kwh solar array at the Egremont Water Department is close to completion. Once the interconnection to National Grid is approved the solar array is estimated to generate approximately 42% of the building's electrical needs. That translates into a yearly savings to the town of approximately \$2000. The SRECs, which are credits paid back to all owners of solar arrays from a state renewable energy program, will also bring in an additional \$20,000 over the next 20 years. Our thanks go out to two state agencies for partial grant funded on this project: MassCEC and the Department of Energy Resources.

Green Communities Status: The vote at Town Meeting was overwhelmingly in favor of the two articles needing passage to become a state designated Green Community. Now the hard work: preparing the official application to the Department of Energy Resources which is due in October. If approved, Egremont will become an official Green Community and receive a check from the state for approximately \$135,000!! These funds will go towards additional energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for the town further reducing our carbon footprint and our energy related operational costs.

Bulky Rigid Plastics Collection: Some may remember the dumpster parked in front of Town Hall during the month of April for the collection of discarded material known as Bulky Rigid Plastics or BRP. BRP are things like kiddie pools, pet carriers, large children's toys, flower pots, garbage pails, storage bins and plastic lawn furniture. The one month experiment went extremely well – the dumpster was brimming over the top when it was hauled to the Springfield MRF and weighed close to a ton! There is hope to have another BRP collection in late summer/early fall so stay tuned. In the meantime, if you have some things that would go into this future dumpster, why not hold on to it until the next BRP collection.

Appalachian Trail News:

(Peter Robertson at the 2014 Gt Barrington Pot Luck)

Here are the listings for Appalachian Trail (AT) Events in July that are near Egremont in the Great Barrington area. Although Great Barrington is the designated AT Community, Egremont certainly plays a big role in the AT.

Sunday , July 12 10AM – 2PM

Appalachian Trail Family Day Hike

Calling young explorers! Join us for a special kid-friendly hike geared at helping families enjoy hiking the Appalachian Trail. Our 2 mile hike (round-trip) through ice gulch to the Tom Leonard Shelter will take us into one of Berkshire County's most interesting trail sections. Kids will be able to explore a thru-hiker shelter, eat their lunch with an awesome view, and play games that help develop good trail skills. Parents will learn great tips for successful family trail days. For more information and to register,

email: info@gbtrails.org. **Registration is required**, group size is limited. Leaders: Silvia Cassano (Appalachian Trail Conservancy) and Christine Ward (GB Trails & Greenways)

Saturday, July 25 10:30am, 2pm, & 5pm

3rd Annual Appalachian Trail Hike and Community Picnic.

Join DCR MassParks staff and Great Barrington Trails & Greenways partners to celebrate the Appalachian Trail in our community. Did you know that Great Barrington is a designated Appalachian Trail Community™? Come learn what it's all about. Swimming & campfire provided. In the event of rain or significant weather the event will be cancelled. Parking for the event will be offered at the main entrance for Beartown State Forest near the boat ramp on Benedict Pond Rd. in Monterey.

Registration Required for all hikes . Space is limited. Registration:

info@gbtrails.org or (413) 528-0904

10:30 AM- Join us on one of two adventurous 7 mile hikes: South along the A.T. from Fernside Rd. - OR- North along A.T. from Homes Rd, are asked to meet at Benedict Pond parking lot at 10:30am and will be shuttled to the starting points.

2:00 PM- Join for one of two shorter hikes

Moderate hike to "The Ledges" along the A.T. for fantastic views -OR- gentle hike around Benedict Pond.

5 PM POTLUCK PICNIC- All hikes end at the picnic. Can't join us on a hike? Come to the picnic! **Bring lots of your favorite picnic food to share with hungry thru-hikers!**

THRU-HIKERS WELCOME (free camping)!

Questions : info@gbtrails.org or call (413) 528-0904

Event information

at www.gbtrails.org and <http://tinyurl.com/GBATDAY>

First Congregational Church of South Egremont:

The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold a Barbecue Ribs Dinner August 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. Adults \$15 and children ages 5-10 \$5. Menu includes ribs, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert and beverage. **RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTED** for both sit-down dinners and take-out orders. For reservations please call 528-2368 or 528-4886. Tickets will also be available from church members.

Brookside Quiltworks:

We would like to let everyone know that our current exhibit is a "Black and White" challenge by the local Berkshire Quilter's Guild. It is also a fundraiser for the guild that make charity quilts all year long for the local CHP, the Schreiner's Hospital and more. They are currently working on quilts for the Nepal victims of the landslide. The exhibit ends 6/30. All exhibits are free to see.

Next Exhibit is "Modern Quilts". Approximately 5 states will be represented. It runs July- September.

We are also participating in the Egremont Day with an outdoor quilt show. (weather permitting)

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon
or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon
& by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Thursday of each month
at 2pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday
8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm, Wednesday
& Thursday 8am to 1pm. Meetings - Thursdays as
posted 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other
Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to
3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm.
Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth
Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January
through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm &
Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday
7:30pm

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays
6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to
3:00pm

Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-
8pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon
or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to
1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to
4pm

Water Department - Meetings second Thursday
3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a
message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -
camping, swimming

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Silo B&B - guest accommodations
413-528-5195

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B
1 Prospect Lake Road
413-528-2882
www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant
413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-
Restaurant & Lodging
413-528-6200
www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.
Robin Walther
116 Egremont Plain Road
413-528-2537
robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration
413-528-1232
www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing
413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects
195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)
413-528-5383
www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.
413-528-0112
www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding
Lessons, summer programs
www.bluerider.org
413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.
413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets
413-528-8301
www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -
Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.
Tom & Liz Marino
413-528-9465
www.lizmarinorughooking.com
Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.
413-528-5710

B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell Books
<http://blaize.com/>
413-429-7467

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork
413-644-9979
www.CosmicResonance.com

Peter Goldberg, Diplomat of Acupuncture
Natural alternatives For Pain Management
www.berkshirepainmanagement.com
413-281-6384

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North Egremont Church
By Stanley Farnum

*I stand enthralled in darkness outside the radiance
of light from the open door of the little church.
Whispers of thought, perhaps of collective memory,
are with me; for here within this "one of many
mansions," lie the past and future threads that
weave the garment of the soul.*

*I have just stepped outside for a moment and here in
the shadows where the moon cannot see me I have
listened and looked. Far off a train whistled and the
sound trickled down through the dark places of the
night and made me feel alone.*

*The silence of the shades about me make the light
from the church a path entering into all that has
gone before in two centuries of human strengths and
frailties. Here have come the newborn to enter into
faith, and here assembled those to send a loved one
on to a greater mansion.*

*These walls have heard the voices raised in unison
of sprit and the soft deep tones of the organ as two
who love walk down the aisle of light in betrothal
even as I have here walked to hand my own lovely
daughter as a lovely bride.*

*Down through all the long years the word of love
and goodness, the dignity of man the indestructible
soul, have filled this sacred house and the messages
whisper about me from the open door.*

*Now though I stand along in the night, lonely, I'll
turn back to reality inside and find it is sometimes a
little nice to be outside in the shadows, for to return
into such a hallowed place is that much more joy.*

*Though I be home or far afield, or find foreign soil
to trod,
I'll not forget
This little Church,
This gentle Folk,
This little Town,
This House of God.*



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